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- 1 1. A method for linking an audio file to a database, the method comprising the steps of:
2 accessing a record in the database;
3 obtaining the audio file related to the record;
4 storing the audio file on a recording media; and
5 linking the audio file to the record.
- 1 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of linking the audio file to the
2 record comprises storing a pointer to the audio file in a field of the record.
- 1 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein:
2 the step of storing the audio file on the recording media comprises storing the audio
3 file in an analog format on an analog recording media; and
4 the step of linking the audio file to the record comprises the steps of:
5 digitizing the audio file;
6 storing the digitized audio file in a digital recording media; and
7 storing a pointer to the digitized audio file in a field of the record.
- 1 4. The method according to claim 1, wherein:
2 the step of storing the audio file on the recording media comprises storing the audio
3 file in an analog format on an analog recording media; and
4 the step of linking the audio file to the record includes the steps of:
5 digitizing the audio file; and
6 storing the digitized audio file in a field of the record.
- 1 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of storing the audio file on the
2 recording media comprises the storing the audio file on a tape.

1 6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of storing the audio file on the
2 recording media comprises the storing the audio file on a CD-R.

1 7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of storing the audio file on the
2 recording media comprises the storing the audio file on a semiconductor memory.

1 8. A method for accessing an audio file linked to a database, the method comprising the
2 steps of:

3 accessing a record in the database;

4 accessing a field in the record, the field having a pointer to the audio file, wherein the
5 audio file is stored on a recording media and the pointer identifies a location where the audio
6 file is stored on the recording media; and

7 accessing the location on the recording media identified by the pointer.

1 9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the audio file is a digital audio file.

1 10. The method according to claim 8, wherein the recording media is a tape.

1 11. The method according to claim 8, wherein the recording media is a CD-R.

1 12. The method according to claim 8, wherein the recording media is a semiconductor
2 memory.

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